

Proverbs 8:1-36 - The Worldview of Wisdom

Only God's wisdom brings order out of chaos and makes sense of the biggest questions of life:

- **Who can I trust?** (v1-11)

- **How do I live?** (v12-21)

- **Why am I here?** (v22-31)

...so seek this wisdom in Christ (v32-36)

For further discussion

- Which are the biggest questions in life that everyone has to grapple with on some level?
- The three addressed here are: "Who can I trust?", "How do I live?", and "Why am I here?":
 - What in your experience makes it hard to trust other people? Does that affect your ability or willingness to believe God's promises? How trustworthy is God's wisdom according to v1-11? In what ways was this description true of Jesus in his earthly ministry? Can you trust him?
 - Where do people look for wisdom on how to live and what ethical framework to follow? Why is it worth listening to Lady Wisdom and beyond that to Jesus (v12-21)?
 - How do v22-31 address the big questions of where the world came from and what the ultimate purpose of creation is? Where do we fit in that? What is God's attitude to human beings according to v22-31? Why is God's wisdom more than just a few handy tips to get along better in the world?
- How do these verses address: an apathetic hedonist, living for the moment; a materialist atheist, determined to give everything a naturalistic explanation; a distracted Christian, tempted to compartmentalise life into Christianity on Sundays and blending in the rest of the week?